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Revised estimates arising in relation to the expansion of the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has considered the report of the Secretary-General on revised estimates arising in relation to the expansion of the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (A/65/85). During its consideration of the report, the Committee met with representatives of the Secretary-General, who provided additional information.

2. In paragraph 23.30 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011 (A/64/6 (Sect.23)), the Secretary-General informed the General Assembly that the membership of the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families was expected to increase from 10 to 14 during the biennium 2010-2011. The Committee held its first meeting in its expanded form at its twelfth session, from 26 to 30 April 2010. The expansion of the Committee entailed additional costs, consisting of travel, daily subsistence allowance and terminal expenses for the four new experts, including expenses relating to a one-day induction course held in Geneva prior to the twelfth session. The costs associated with the course also included travel and daily subsistence allowance for the Chair of the Committee. The Secretary-General notes that the expanded Committee is not expected to generate additional conference servicing costs.

3. The activities of the Committee relate to subprogramme 2, Supporting human rights treaty bodies, of programme 19, Human rights. The additional requirements for travel and daily subsistence allowance and terminal expenses of the four new members are not included under section 23, Human rights, of the programme budget

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for the biennium 2010-2011. Resources relating to the Committee reflected in the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011 amount to $189,500.

4. In paragraph 6 of his report, the Secretary-General indicates that additional resources required for the increase in the membership of the Committee and the associated induction of the new members and the Chair of the Committee, and for attendance of its members at the Committee's two sessions per year for 2010-2011, are estimated at $122,000. No additional requirements are proposed for 2010-2011, as the intention is to meet the additional requirements within the overall appropriation approved under section 23, Human rights, of the programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011. The Secretary-General also indicates that, for the biennium 2012-2013, it is estimated that additional requirements amounting to $135,400 at full cost would be required and that the requirements for the Committee in this connection will be considered in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013. **The Advisory Committee concurs with the Secretary-General's proposals.**